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Businesses Can Help Their Communities Prevent Climate Change Related Disasters: EPA Chemical Safety Grant Update

Through a grant from the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Massachusetts Office of Technical Assistance (OTA) is offering funding to as many as eight [Regional Planning Agencies](#) (RPAs) to sponsor workshops designed to build awareness and educate city officials, community leaders, [Local Emergency Planning Committees](#) (LEPCs) and businesses about the toxic chemicals stored, used and transported through their communities. The trainings will build models for incorporating toxics use reduction into community and regional emergency preparedness and climate resiliency planning and supply toxics users with the tools they need to prevent industrial accidents.

Each RPA will sponsor one training to educate community leaders and stakeholders on the storage, use, and transportation of hazardous chemicals in their communities and the relevant regulatory requirements. RPAs will also host a second training for toxics users to provide them with tools to understand and address their vulnerabilities to climate change while enabling them to prevent industrial accidents triggered by climate change weather related events.

Stay tuned for more updates. Businesses and facilities that use toxics should contact Tiffany Skogstrom, OTA's Outreach and Policy Coordinator, at 617-626-1086 or tiffany.skogstrom@state.ma.us to receive more information and get connected to the project.

Upcoming Trainings, Events & Webinars

Toxics Use Reduction Planner Course: Starts September 6th!

Registration: [Register by 8/30/16](#)
at www.turi.org/training

Training Dates:

PART 1 ONLINE Sept. 6th – Oct. 5th: Approximately 20 hours of self-guided online training
PART 2 CLASSROOM Oct. 6th, Oct. 13th, Oct. 20th, Nov. 3rd 8:30am – 4:30pm

Training Description: The TUR Planner Certification Course covers all aspects of TUR planning, and is a valuable learning experience for anyone interested in reducing material waste, reducing toxics use, and improving operational efficiency in any industry. The course is open to anyone who is interested, including people from outside Massachusetts. [For more information visit turi.org/TURPcourse](http://turi.org/TURPcourse)

8/31 Webinar: [“The Resilient Business: Strategies for Pollution Prevention and Financing Energy Efficiency”](#) (EPA)

9/6 “[Become a Toxics Use Reduction \(TUR\) Planner](#)” (TURI)

9/13 CMBEN Meeting: “State Approvals for Recycling and Reuse.” See “Industry News” below for more details.

9/13 Massachusetts Clean Auto Repair (MassCAR) Auto Body / Collision / Refinishing Training. (OTA)

The Massachusetts Office of Technical Assistance (OTA) is proud to share the new [Massachusetts Clean Auto Repair \(MassCAR\)](#) training on auto shop environmental health, safety and compliance.

We are thankful for the partnership with Clark University who has generously donated their facilities to make these trainings possible.

Trainings are categorized into auto body or auto repair. All trainings will be held from **6pm to 8pm** at Clark University, see building location below. RSVP with Brian Postale at MassDEP (508) 767-2888 or brian.postale@state.ma.us.

Auto Body Trainings
(Collision / Refinishing)

Auto Repair Trainings
(Mechanical)

Tuesday, September 13, 2016
Clark University
Higgins University Center, 1st floor
Lurie Conference Room
950 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01610
<http://www2.clarku.edu/campusmap.cfm#top>

Monday, September 19, 2016
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9/14 [Science Advisory Board \(SAB\) Meeting](#) (TURI)

9/14 Webinar: [“The Resilient Business: Strategies for Pollution Prevention and Financing Energy Efficiency”](#) (EPA)

9/19 Massachusetts Clean Auto Repair (MassCAR) Auto Repair / Mechanical Training (OTA)

9/21 Webinar: [“The Resilient Business: Coping with Extreme Weather Events through Pollution Prevention and Reducing Flood Risk”](#) (EPA)

9/27 [MA Advanced Manufacturing Summit](#) (MassDevelopment)

9/28 Webinar: [“The Resilient Business: Strategies for Pollution Prevention with Extreme Weather Events and Reducing Flood Risk”](#) (EPA)

10/4 [“Building a More Sustainable Supply Chain”](#) (TURI, MassMEP, MassDevelopment)

Industry News

CMBEN Update – Next Meeting 9/13/16

Join the Central Massachusetts Business Environmental Network (CMBEN) and the Worcester Regional Chamber of Commerce on September 13th for a no-cost presentation of “State Approvals for Recycling and Reuse.” MassDEP representatives will review and clarify where approvals are, or are not, required for recycling and reuse on-site or at off-site locations of the following materials:

- Non-Hazardous Waste as Feedstock – General Permit (310 CMR 16.04) or Beneficial Use Determination (BUD);
- Building Demolition Materials – Asphalt Brick & Concrete (ABC) Policy;
- Hazardous Solid Waste as Feedstock (Regulated recyclables permit) ;
- TUR Chemicals;
- Remediation Waste Soils and Soils from MCP Sites that are not Remediation Waste;
- Industrial Waste Water – Reclaimed Water Permits; and
- Organic Waste.

When: Tuesday, September 13, 2016
Networking: 9:00am – 9:30am
Program: 9:30am – 11:00am

Program Cost: Free!

Register: Seating is limited so please contact Isabelle Lavigne from Irwin Engineers at ilavigne@irwinengineers.com or call her at (508)653-8007 ext. 10 to reserve a spot.

MassDEP Toxics Use Reduction Program Reporting Amnesty

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) enforcement amnesty for facilities that voluntarily disclose past failure to file one or more Toxics Use Reduction Act, M.G.L. Chapter 21I (TURA) Annual Chemical Use Reports (Form S's) ended on **June 30, 2016**. During Amnesty, OTA staff assisted 48 facilities with reporting requirements and other Amnesty-related inquiries.

OTA Publications Updates

Case Studies and Fact Sheets:

Updated Case Study: [ChemGenes Corporation Toxics Use Reduction Case Study: Cumulative, Decade-long Assistance from OTA and TURI Allow ChemGenes to Significantly Reduce Toxics and Save Thousands.](#)

Toxics Use Reduction Task Force Updates

The Environmentally Preferable Purchasing (EPP) Program for the Commonwealth:

OTA is a key partner in the Massachusetts’ Environmentally Preferable Products Procurement Program (EPP Program) Task Force. The EPP sets minimum environmental standards on products purchased

through statewide contracts by Executive Agencies in the Commonwealth whenever such products and services are readily available, perform to satisfactory standards, and represent the best value to the Commonwealth. Task Force provides input into these standards. According to the 2015 EPP report, the purchases made on statewide eco-purchasing contracts have grown to \$400 million. The [2015 Calendar Year Report of the Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Toxics Reduction Task Force](#) is now available online.

EPP Furniture Report:

The Operational Services Division's Environmentally Preferable Products Procurement (EPP) Program has worked with existing vendors to identify environmentally preferable "lines" of furniture on Statewide Contract OFF38: Office, School and Library Furniture, Accessories & Installation that have reduced indoor air quality emissions and toxicity. The searchable database ([OFF38 EPP Furniture Table, 7/1/2016](#)) of furniture vendors and manufacturers can be found here (along with other information on environmentally preferable furniture purchasing): [Furniture, Environmentally Preferable](#).

About OTA

The Office of Technical Assistance and Technology (OTA) is the Commonwealth's center for technical information and assistance, and solutions that enable businesses to enhance their competitive position as they reduce the use of toxic chemicals, energy and water. For additional information about OTA's advisory services, which are provided on a confidential basis at no cost to Massachusetts businesses, call (617) 626-1060, or visit our web site: <http://www.mass.gov/eea/ota>.

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